

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 14 January 2008

REPORT ON: Dundee Community Safety Partnership - Allocation of Local Action Fund 2007-2008 (3)

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 19-2008

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval for the allocation of grant awards from the Local Action Fund.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the allocation of 1 grant as outlined in Appendix 1.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The grant award can be met from external funding from the Scottish Government under the Community Safety Local Action Fund Programme 2006-2008.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 At its meeting on 10 May 2004, the Committee approved the criteria and procedures for the Dundee Community Safety Partnership bid for external funding from the Scottish Government under the Local Action Fund Programme for 2004-2005. The successful bid totalled £206,000.

4.2 On 18 November 2005 the Scottish Government advised further funding extension of £185,000 per annum for 2006-2008.

4.3 A similar commissioning criteria is required for 2006-2008.

4.4 An important element of the commissioning is to ensure services have an impact on the strategic themes agreed by the Dundee Community Safety Partnership for 2006-2010, in particular "reducing crime and the fear of crime" and "reducing antisocial behaviour especially youth after 20.00 hours week days and at weekends".

4.5 Dundee Community Safety Partnership agreed at its meeting on 24 November 2005 to devolve a commissioning budget to the 3 local Community Learning and Development Partnerships (Youth Sub Groups) to assess and recommend proposed awards for Committee approval.

4.6 The Community Learning and Development structure allows for the localising of this award programme to allow the key local stakeholders, young people and local communities involvement in the best and most efficient use of resources.

- 4.7 Each area Community Learning and Development Partnership (Youth Sub Group) has been allocated as follows - £64,659.00 (West), £64,248.50 (Central) and £64,248.50 (East) to disburse as per agreed criteria. £4,625 has been retained centrally for evaluation and promotional expenditure.
- 4.8 The existing application forms and guidance notes have been adapted for Community Learning and Development Partnership Sub Group local use.
- The award assessment criteria and report templates are still valid and meet Scottish Government Award criteria.
- 4.9 The Community Safety Section will continue to discharge the evaluation/audit and quality assurance requirements set by the Scottish Government as award programme conditions.
- 4.10 All recommendations require Dundee City Council Committee approval to discharge Scottish Government accountability and finance criteria.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no policy implications with reference to Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Risk Management.

5.2 Anti-Poverty

- 5.2.1 Anti Poverty Principles addressed in the Report include Social Inclusion, specifically, "Ensuring safety and security" and "Engaging with disadvantaged communities and hard to reach individuals/groups".

The impact to be achieved through implementing the Report's recommendations may be measured in the numbers of young people engaging in diversionary activity resulting in fewer incidences of youth causing annoyance, vandalism and other acts of anti-social behaviour.

5.3 Equal Opportunities

- 5.3.1 Equal opportunities principles addressed in this report include, "Measures taken within crime prevention, community safety, education and other initiatives to eliminate violence and harassment against people because of their race, genders, sexuality or connection to other target groups.
- 5.3.2 Impact to be achieved through implementing the Report's recommendations will be evident in the numbers of young people engaging in discussion activities and as a result, accessing programmes promoting equalities issues via programme content and worker promotion.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) and Head of Finance have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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LOCAL ACTION FUND 2007-2008 (3)
RECOMMENDATIONS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT GROUP

| Ref No | Application | Target Area | Purpose of Award | Total Cost | Award Requested | Award Recommended | Notes |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------|---|------------|-----------------|--|--|
| CSG/LAF 28/05 | Outdoor Education | Citywide | Targeted provision of a range of diversionary outdoor education activities for voluntary/statutory youth groups citywide. | £15,851 | £15,851 | £15,851 = £834 West £5,532 Central £9,485 East | Underspend from 2007/08 to continue this project in support of the voluntary sector. |

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

| | West | Central | East | Combined Areas |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| * Total Funds Available | £64,659 | £64,249 | £64,248 | £193,156 |
| Less Recommendations 26 June 2007 Report | £64,659 | £61,358 | £61,381 | £187,398 |
| Balance Remaining after 26 June 2007 Report | £0 | £2,891 | £2,867 | £5,758 |
| Underspend Available | £7,999 | £5,207 | £8,208 | £21,414 |
| * Total Funds Remaining with Underspend | £7,999 | £8,098 | £11,075 | £27,172 |
| Less Recommendations 10 December 2007 Report | £7,165 | £2,566 | £1,590 | £11,321 |
| Balance Remaining after 10 December 2007 Report | £834 | £5,532 | £9,485 | £15,851 |
| Less Recommendations 14 January 2008 Report | £834 | £5,532 | £9,485 | £15,851 |
| Balance Remaining after 14 January 2008 Report | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 |

* NOTE: £625 held centrally.